

ETHICS BOARD

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	% Change Over FY01	FY03 Recommended	% Change Over FY02
GPR	236,500	247,300	4.6	247,300	0.0
PR-O	312,200	363,300	16.4	363,300	0.0
TOTAL	548,700	610,600	11.3	610,600	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	FTE Change From FY01	FY03 Recommended	FTE Change From FY02
GPR	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
PR-O	3.50	3.50	0.00	3.50	0.00
TOTAL	6.50	6.50	0.00	6.50	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board is headed by a six-member board appointed by the Governor with the Senate's consent. The board appoints an executive director to administer the agency. The board advises state officials, lobbyists and their employers, and others on applicable statutory standards of conduct. It investigates and prosecutes violations of the ethics code and lobbying law; files for public review the financial interest statements of state officials, candidates and nominees for state public office; and compiles and disseminates information about the matters on which businesses and organizations are lobbying and the time and money that businesses and organizations spend to influence state legislation and administrative rules. The board also provides advice to local units of government about the statutory standards of conduct for local officials.

MISSION

The board's mission is to further Wisconsin's tradition of clean and open government through its administration of Wisconsin's ethics code and lobbying law. The purposes of these laws are to:

- Improve standards of governmental service.
- Strengthen citizens' confidence in the integrity of their state and local governmental officials.
- Help preserve the integrity of the governmental decision-making process.
- Promote a full and fair opportunity for citizens to address governmental officials, either directly or through paid representatives, on the merits of issues.

PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Ethics and Lobbying Regulation

Goal: Enforce statutory requirements for high standards of ethical conduct by state government officials, lobbyists and lobbying organizations through independent investigation and reassure the public that the State of Wisconsin is equipped to redress conduct that falls short of statutorily established standards.

Objective/Activity: Investigate possible violations of the ethics code and lobbying law and seek appropriate remedies or exoneration as circumstances warrant and secure the ability to exercise independent judgment as contemplated by statute.

Goal: Identify interests influencing government and identify conflicting interests.

Objective/Activity: Identify for the public the businesses, organizations and individuals attempting to influence governmental decisions, the issues in which they have an interest and other pertinent information; and provide information about governmental officials' financial interests to confirm for the public the absence of conflicting interests or to identify conflicts meriting attention. Provide for the regular update and enhancement of an interactive Web site, which permits anyone with Internet access capabilities to search for and view data relating to lobbyists, the organizations that employ them, the issues on which they are lobbying, lobbying activity and expenditures for current and past sessions, and information about key elected and appointed state officials.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Actual 2000	Goal 2001	Goal 2002	Goal 2003
1.	Officials' and citizens' confidence in the board survey.	N/A	Confidence high	Confidence high	Confidence high
1.	Customer satisfaction in the board survey and focus group sessions.	N/A	Satisfaction high	Satisfaction high	Satisfaction high
1.	Customer usage of Web site (legislators, executive branch officials, Wisconsin citizen).	250 unique users per business day; 2,000 users monthly; 3,500 hits per business day	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
1.	News coverage of legislative affairs.	N/A	Increased news articles, analysis, and commentary	Increased news articles, analysis, and commentary	Increased news articles, analysis, and commentary

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Information Technology
2. Liability Insurance Adjustment
3. SASI Initiative
4. Budget Efficiency Measures
5. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

6. Investigation Costs

Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$227.7	\$236.5	\$275.9	\$275.9	\$247.3	\$247.3
State Operations	227.7	236.5	275.9	275.9	247.3	247.3
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	286.6	312.2	353.1	353.1	363.3	363.3
State Operations	286.6	312.2	353.1	353.1	363.3	363.3
TOTALS-ANNUAL	514.3	548.7	629.0	629.0	610.6	610.6
State Operations	514.3	548.7	629.0	629.0	610.6	610.6

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
TOTALS-ANNUAL	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Ethics and lobbying regulation	\$514.3	\$548.7	\$629.0	\$629.0	\$610.6	\$610.6
TOTALS	514.3	548.7	629.0	629.0	610.6	610.6

Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Ethics and lobbying regulation	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
TOTALS	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

1. Information Technology

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	21,500	0.00	21,500	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
PR-O	20,700	0.00	20,700	0.00	20,700	0.00	20,700	0.00
TOTAL	42,200	0.00	42,200	0.00	20,700	0.00	20,700	0.00

The Governor recommends funding for maintenance of the board's Web site.

2. Liability Insurance Adjustment

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	2,300	0.00	2,300	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
PR-O	2,300	0.00	2,300	0.00	4,600	0.00	4,600	0.00
TOTAL	4,600	0.00	4,600	0.00	4,600	0.00	4,600	0.00

The Governor recommends funding for additional liability insurance costs.

3. SASI Initiative

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	12,000	0.00	12,000	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	14,000	0.00	14,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	26,000	0.00	26,000	0.00

The Governor recommends the indicated funding for basic desktop information technology support as part of a Small Agency Support Infrastructure (SASI) program. This initiative is described under Department of Administration, Item #5.

4. Budget Efficiency Measures

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-11,800	0.00	-11,800	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-11,800	0.00	-11,800	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing the agency's largest GPR state operations appropriation in the amounts shown to create additional operational efficiencies.

5. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	15,600	0.00	15,600	0.00	10,600	0.00	10,600	0.00
PR-O	17,900	0.00	17,900	0.00	11,800	0.00	11,800	0.00
TOTAL	33,500	0.00	33,500	0.00	22,400	0.00	22,400	0.00

The Governor recommends adjustments to the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$18,100 in each year); (b) reclassifications (\$3,200 in each year); and (c) BadgerNet increases (\$1,100 in each year).

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Ethics Board.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY02		FY03	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
6. Investigation Costs	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00